

In accordance with Section 15 (1) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Council has a duty to review the allocation of committee seats following recent changes in political balance.

Table 1: Application of the Number of Seats held by each Political Group to the 42 (as at February 2021) seats on the Council, to determine the Percentage Composition of each Political Group on the Council.

Political Group	No. of Seats Held	Percentage Composition of Council
Conservative	28	66.667
Residents Association	7	16.667
Green	4	9.524
Liberal Democrat	3	7.142
Total:	42	100

Table 2: Application of the Percentage Composition of the Council to the 61 seats available on Ordinary Committees, in order to determine the number of Seats held by each Political Group on all Ordinary Committees.

Political Group	Percentage Composition of Council	Number of Seats on Ordinary Committees
Conservative	66.667	40.667 (41)
Residents Association	16.667	10.167 (10)
Green	9.524	5.809 (6)
Liberal Democrat	7.142	4.357 (4)
Total:	100	61

Table 3: Discussions took place between the leaders of the Conservative Group, Residents Association Group and Green Group on 17 December 2020, and on 12 January 2021 to agree the political composition on committees.

Ordinary Committees (No. of Seats Available)	Conservative	Residents Association	Green	Liberal Democrat	Allocated Total
Planning (15)	10	3	1	1	15
Overview & Scrutiny (15)	10	2	2	1	15
Licensing & Regulatory (12)	8	2	1	1	12
Audit (9)	6	1	1	1	9
Employment (5)	4	1	0	0	5
Standards (5)	3	1	1	0	5
Columns Totals:	41	10	6	4	61
Entitlement to Seats on Ordinary Committees:	41	10	6	4	61

The consequential changes to membership of Committees are as follows:

- a) Cllr Whinney to leave the Employment Committee and join the Planning Committee
- b) Cllr Ritter to leave the Planning Committee and join the Audit Committee, and the Licensing & Regulatory Committee
- c) The Conservative Group to appoint an additional member to the Employment Committee